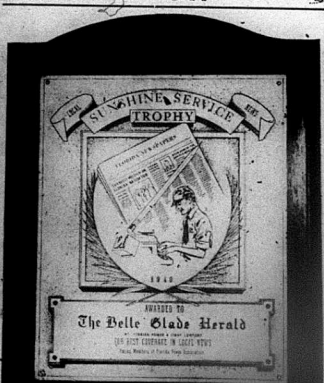


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STIFLING PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

Stifling private enterprise is one of the most un-American things any political subdivision could be guilty of, whether it be municipal, district, county, state or national. And it has been brought to the attention of the Herald that two such activities are underway in the Glades section of this county. One involves the State of Florida and the other the Farm Security Administration of the Federal Government.

The first and one nearest home is the operation of a commissary in the negro migratory camp near Belle Glade. This venture started as a sort of cantina for the convenience of camp inhabitants. It was located in one small corner of the recreation hall and was to deal in cold drinks, tobacco and other small articles. The profits from the sale of these articles, originally, was supposed to be contributed to the support of the commissary at the camp. More than three hundred dollars has been contributed for the purpose since the inception of the venture. But, strating with fifteen dollars capital, the business now has stock, cash and other assets in excess of eleven hundred dollars, according to reports of merchants in the territory.

The original idea was good and for a good purpose, but to have a camp cantina grow into a mercantile business is a little more than one should expect a legitimate merchant to take without objection.

If the government would supply rent-free quarters, water, lights, electricity and clerks for local merchants it would be some relief. If they would further allow them to operate without licenses or taxes of any kind, as the camp store is reported to do, they would probably be glad to compete with the camp store. They expect to them to pay taxes to support something that is undermining their business is certainly unreasonable, unfair and un-American.

First reports of merchant's objections to this kind of competition were believed to be unfounded. They were said to be alarmed about something of a very minor nature. But if the precedent is established to all of the five camps in the Everglades section and should spread to all the others it would become serious. It is estimated that thirty percent of the migratory labor is housed in these camps. If you take thirty percent of the business of these laborers away from the legitimate merchant he is definitely hurt; maybe abolished.

The advent of the camp store has done one fine thing for the merchants of the lake region, however. It has caused merchants from Clewiston to Sand Cut to organize into the Everglades Merchants' Association. Their first objective is the elimination of tax-free, rent-free, help-free, electricity-free competition. They doubtless will be successful in this undertaking and this will improve upon them the strength of unity to such an extent that they will remain united and go on to accomplish more things for their mutual benefit.

The second enterprise of this nature is reported to be a pet project of the State of Florida's Agricultural department and is in the shape of a precooling plant to be constructed at the state farmer's market at Palokoke. According to the manager of the market \$31,400 is now available for the construction of the plant. It will have a capacity of four hundred packages per hour and will be operated on a non-profit basis. There will be no indebtedness of any kind. No depreciation will be figured. No interest on the \$31,400 investment is required. All that is necessary is to pay actual operating expenses of the precooler.

This, on the face, also looks harmless to private enterprise. But when you consider that farmers who are fortunate enough to get their produce through this state-owned plant will only be required to pay five cents per package while those who use private-owned precoolers will necessarily have to pay eight or nine cents per package so that these private-owned plants can show a reasonable return on private investment, a reasonable depreciation and a reasonable profit above actual operating costs, it is reasonable to suppose that farmers paying the higher rate are going to stop only by and make three or four cents less per package than the better fortunate enough to use a plant paid for out of tax-payers' money.

An argument for the state-owned plant is it's capacity. It will be impossible for the plant to handle more than a limited amount of citrus. That point is granted. Their capacity is limited, and so will the number of farmers be limited. The favored will receive three or four cents more profit per package than the farmer supporting private enterprise.

There are two necessary evils local precoolers and celery packing houses will be hurt very little, if any, by the plant to be installed at Palokoke; but again the precedent is being established. If Palokoke farmers get the state to operate a state-owned plant that saves them three or four cents per package because it is not required to liquidate the cost or even pay interest on the investment, isn't it reasonable that Belle Glade farmers will ask for the same consideration? And then your private enterprise is stifled. That isn't American.

Housekeeping is a lot of work for the women who keep house. The sporadic advertiser is like the man who took his medicine three days and then forgot about it.

KEEPING MEN IN SERVICE

It is fortunate that the army chief of staff, for military reasons, finds it necessary to recommend that the men now in service be continued in their places for more than the year to which they thought they were being assigned.

We say this is unfortunate, because no nation wishes to treat its citizens unfairly. It is extremely difficult for some men, now in service, to understand why they should not be released and replaced by other men. And if they stay in service, they will undoubtedly be doing more than many other men in the defense of their country.

These observations are true, and yet there seems to be sound reasons that demand that the partially trained men be kept in the ranks. To discharge all men at the end of a one-year term would disrupt much of the present organization and place great difficulties in the way of preparing the army for an emergency.

It is not necessary for us to try and restate the arguments that have been advanced by army leaders. They have convinced the president and they seem to be having a telling effect upon congressmen. In time, they will have a great influence upon the young men who are called upon to continue their present service.

DISHONEST AUTO SERVICE

It is a shocking revelation and a serious indictment of garages and repair stations, all over the nation, that is revealed in a recent article in the Reader's Digest.

A 12-cylinder used car was purchased and thoroughly overhauled. A 14,500 mile trip, back and forth across the nation, led to 347 places that held out help for the motorist in trouble. The proceeding was simple. Just before reaching a garage the car was stopped and a small wire disconnected. The man got out, letting his woman secretary jump up to the station of a sick car, which needed nothing at all but the reconnecting of the small wire which was in plain view when the hood was lifted.

Honest repair men say what was wrong at once fixed the connection and either made no charge or a small one. No, however, with the majority of repair men who found something wrong, from a dirty carburetor to a ruined clutch plate.

Of the 347 places visited, only 129 gave the lady driver a square deal. Nearly two-thirds charged for work they did not do, found unnecessary things to fix or charged for unneeded parts which they sometimes did not furnish.

Interesting is the report that, "in general, small towns and small garages proved more honest than large ones."

This is a deplorable commentary upon the honesty of men in business and reflects discredit upon those who victimized the motorist. The story proves once more the importance of dealing with honest men, when you have need of service which requires you to place yourself at the mercy of the man employed.

CARE OF THE BLIND

The Florida Legislature, recently adjourned, gave special thought to the blind. In amending an existing welfare law (Chapter 18285, Section 18), The Legislature in House Bill 153 provided for the creation of the Florida Council for the Blind; a division under the State Welfare Board. That is, the council, however, that the Council for the Blind, consisting of five members to be appointed by the governor, shall have an independent administrative governing board. One member of the Council shall, by preference, be blind.

The Council shall advise and consult with the State Board of Welfare in connection with assistance to the needy blind, the laws, and under the direction of and with the approval of the State Department of welfare shall plan, supervise and carry out these activities:

1. Cause to be compiled and maintained a complete register of the blind in the state; inquire into the causes of blindness; inaugurate preventive measures; provide for the examination and treatment of the blind, or those threatened with blindness and shall pay therefor, including necessary incidental expenses; aid the blind in finding employment, teaching them trades or occupations within their capacities; assist in disposing of products made by the blind in home industries.

The council also is authorized to establish one or more training schools and work shops for the employment of suitable blind persons; make expenditures of funds for such purposes; receive monies from the sale of commodities produced by activities and from such funds make payment of wages, repairs, insurance, premiums, and replacement of equipment. All the activities proposed for the blind, except that all tools and equipment furnished by the state shall remain the property of the state.

The Council also has the authority to provide special services and benefits for the blind for developing their social life through community activities and recreation facilities, and to do many other things to assist those who have lost their sight.

The law provides for the creation of the Council and outlines the sphere of service, but it appropriates the sum of \$45,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the program.

No constructive legislation was passed by the last Session of Florida lawmakers, but this law, providing for care of the blind, ranks close to the top.

Prob'ly Facts

By Dick Leftis

Well sir, there's an old saying some good always comes out of all the bad. I've a notion that still hold true for we have one of the worst roads between here and Palokoke, to be called a paved state highway that you have ever rode anything over, bar none.

In fact after you have traveled over the thing for a few years in one of the late model cars you won't have trouble staying on the top side of a wild bull, and one trip over in a Model T, you can rest assured you can walk away with first prize at any rodeo that you care to enter.

But after all I believe the road bed is doing something to the Palokoke and Belle Glade people that has been needed during for a long time and that is uniting them together. For the younger set has and is taking the advantages of it by not using it any more than they can.

For when some of the Palokoke boys starts courting the Belle Glade girls the road is so rough until they only make as few trips as possible. He jumps in the car and Belle Glade raved up to whup him. If the Palokoke boys keep marrying into the family around Belle Glade. In the next generation or two you won't be able to tell a Palokoke from a Belle Glade. Not that there any difference in the looks for they all look alike to me. But there is a slight difference as to the opinion of some of 'em. For if you don't believe it just ask a Belle Glade man to vote for a Palokoke candidate and you'll get one of the cross eyed looks outside of home you'll ever stop. Ask a Palokoke to vote for a Belle Glade candidate and you'll get one of the cross eyed looks outside of home you'll ever stop. Ask a Palokoke to vote for a Belle Glade candidate and you'll get one of the cross eyed looks outside of home you'll ever stop.

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Paul Kirchman our neighbor who lives on silk stocking road of Chosen has returned from a two month stay with his kin folks of northern Michigan and Wisconsin. Paul reports having a fine trip beside taking in a couple of Polish weddings that lasted for

HEY, LOOK BEHIND YOU!



two days and nights of celebration at each tie. The girls parading with it to an old Polish custom foot the bill for the celebration, which causes the old folks to use a domestic brand of punch called 'bailmaker' and a helper. After absorbing three 'bailmakers' you'd need a couple of good men as helpers.

Paul is going to take it up with his brother Slick the owner of Belle Glade to see if a law can be passed to make the wedding in this territory similar to the Polish style.

There has been several more of the boys returned home, but you don't hafta ask some of them where they have been for you can look at the scar of their noses and tell that they didn't get through the state of Georgia.

We are finding out more about President Roosevelt by reading what Hitler has to say about him, for the last thing Adolf has in mind is to charge with it being a Free Mason. Not that Hitler objects to him being a mason but he hates to see the word free used so easily. Or else Hitler may have a good reason to be a little sore at the order for there is a possibility of him being black balled once a punny-time, we understand that causes a fellow to be a little peeved at times.

But the President can look for another sharp attack upon his rising. From the highly cultured german ruler. For the President went to church last Sunday, we will hear more about that from Berlin, for I don't believe the furrier will over look such an act as a fellow going to church.

RED CROSS ACTIVE AT LAKE HARBOR

Quite a nice number of garments for the Red Cross were finished, pressed and wrapped ready for delivery at the meeting of the Sewing Circle last week at the home of Mrs. Preston Moore. One knitted sweater donated by Mrs. Lee Puckett of Belle Glade, 6 child's dresses, 8 boys flannel shirts and 6 pair of women's pajamas were ready to turn in. Mrs. J. L. Wood was named hostess for this week.

Mrs. Louis Bolton and Miss

Muriel Merriam acted as hostess and served light refreshments at the closing of the sewing circle of Mrs. H. B. Bowman, Mrs. J. F. Royal, Mrs. H. D. Merriam.

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Friday, August 1, 1941

Mrs. Emil Zwirski, Mrs. Walter Moore, Mrs. G. L. Royal, Mrs. R. O. Stacey, Mrs. J. L. Wood and Mrs. J. A. Henderson.

4-H CLUB MEMBERS PLANS FOR CAMP

The 4-H Club under the direction of Mrs. F. W. Mitchell conducted its regular weekly meeting on food preparation last week. Carolyn Mitchell demonstrated a summer luncheon of salad, sandwiches and a cold fruit juice drink. Plans were made for attending camp. Others attending were Maxine and Dorothy Walker, Marion Mulvihill, Dorothy Scarborough, Marjorie Byrd, Verna Martin, Martha Raley and Loretta Griener.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION
 The Town of Belle Glade has qualified electors. The Town of Belle Glade had the annual election, 1941 at the Town Hall in Belle Glade, Florida, and the election will be held for the purpose of electing three Commissioners for two (2) year terms each and a Mayor for a term of two (2) years.

The hours for which the polls will be open on and date of election will be given in the next issue of the Herald. This the 26th, day of July, A. D. 1941.

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